(*b*) Was the leave sanctioned as per the provisions of the Civil Service Regulations ?

(*c*) If not, will the Government be pleased to state the special reasons for the deviation ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The Sanitary Commissioner was on privilege leave on two occasions, in the first case for 6 days in continuation of the Christmas holidays and in the second for 2 months from the 16th Makaram, 1098.

(*b*) & (*c*) When Mr. Krishnamurti Aiyar applied for leave on the second occasion, two months had not elapsed since his last return from privilege leave, and he was not strictly eligible for leave under Article 182 of the Service Regulations. He, however, stated that his health had broken down on account of his arduous work in connection with the Census and that he needed leave urgently for rest and change. In these circumstances, privilege leave for one and a half months was granted from the 16th Makaram, 1098, as a special case. This was afterwards extended to two months.

Fee Concessions.

170. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattamattitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether remission of full fees is allowed to all Christians who are converts from the depressed classes ;

(*b*) whether the Muslims who are converts from depressed classes will be allowed the same privilege ;

(*c*) whether this privilege is granted only to converts in this generation or to sons of converts also ;

(*d*) whether Government have ascertained the educational conditions of the different classes among Christians ;

(*e*) what the probable additional educational expenditure will be on account of remission of fees ; and

(*f*) whether the Government are prepared to extend the same privilege to educationally backward persons in all communities ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The member is referred to G. O. Dis. No. 609 of 23/Leg. E. dated the 16th June, 1923.

(*b*) Yes, if there are any such and if they put forward the claim.

(*c*) To all Christian converts from the depressed classes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) About Rs. 85,000.

(*f*) The privilege cannot be extended to educationally backward persons in all communities.

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